

LESSON 5: BY SCRIPTURE ALONE

Scripture as the Ruling Norm

The people searched the scriptures daily to determine if what Paul and Silas preached was true (Acts 17:10-11).

The Unity of Scripture

Paul urges Timothy to hold fast to the teachings and gospel of Christ he has shared with him (2 Timothy 1:13).

The Clarity of Scripture

Jesus' healing ministry was consistent with what Old Testament scriptures declared about the Messiah (Matthew 12).

Scripture Interprets Scripture

Jesus reviewed with the disciples multiple passages that described what happened at His death (Luke 24:44-47).

Sola Scriptura and other Prophets

Test everything against God's word. If it is not consistent with God's word, then it is not of God (Isaiah 8:20; Deuteronomy 13:1-4).

Writing a portion of the bible is not required to be a true prophet. Jesus highly esteems a prophet here who has no writings in the Bible (Matthew 11:11).

Discussion Questions

- How your views on a topic changes after study more passages on the subject?
- What should we do when we come across texts or ideas that appear contradictory to each other in the Bible?
 - How do we work to resolve them?
- Jesus points to a prophet here who has no writings in the Bible (Matthew 11:11).
 - What does this mean for the ministry of prophets who have not become part of the biblical canon?